

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2018**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

**Supervisor Shannon Harris called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
(Town Board started late due to the Comprehensive Master Plan Reveal meeting
which ran later than expected.)**

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

Announcements:

Traveling Vietnam Memorial will be at Cantine Veterans Memorial Complex in Saugerties from July 18- July 23.

Last sign up day for Summer Camp will be held Saturday, June 23rd 9 am – 11 am at Town Hall.

Awards to be given to St. Remy Girl Scouts and Brownies for the installation of the Little Free Library at Cas Landi Park was tabled until next meeting since the girls were not in attendance.

Port Ewen Post Office Update

Supervisor Harris gave an update on the Port Ewen Post Office. The Post Office has decided they will not be re-occupying the old building at West Main St. They brought their own vendor to inspect the building and condemned it due to mold concerns. They believe it is a matter of safety.

Short Term: The Post Office says it will bring in a specially equipped mail trailer to hand out mail to Port Ewen customers. The Town has requested the trailer near the current site to provide relief to local residents.

Long Term: The Post Office is looking for a new building to lease or possibly own. The process will be very involved and require public hearings. The Post office has asked for the Town's assistance in identifying potential properties. If anyone has suggestions for future locations of the post office that are on the market within the hamlet of Port Ewen they should contact the Supervisor.

Backstory: The Post Office required the landlord to perform a mold assessment several weeks ago. The landlord brought in a NYS certified mold inspector to test the areas of the building. The results of that test were inconclusive and the NYS department of Health Mold Assessment Specialist characterized the results as un-concerning.

Home Delivery: If you wish to request home delivery, please fill out form 4027 found at <https://about.usps.com/forms/ps4027.pdf> or they are available at Town Hall.

It is unknown how long it will take to get a temporary site approved. A suggestion of using the paved area in Ross Park has been mentioned however, it may not be legally possible. They will continue researching potential locations.

Solarize Esopus

The Environmental Board reviewed the RFP's that were received on June 4th and made a recommendation to select Apex Solar Power and Lotus Solar for the Solarize Esopus Campaign.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESOPUS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE APEX SOLAR POWER AND LOTUS SOLAR FOR THE SOLARIZE ESOPUS CAMPAIGN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Town of Esopus Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Unified Solar Permit Application

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Solar Permit is designed by NYSERDA to standardize the permitting process and help guide local officials on how to onboard applications and inspect projects:

WHEREAS, unified solar permitting is available statewide for eligible solar photovoltaic (PV) installations and that municipal authorities that adopt the unified permit streamline their process while providing consistent and thorough review of solar PV permitting applications and installations:

WHEREAS, the Esopus Environmental Board is undertaking a Solarize Esopus campaign for rooftop solar installation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the Town of Esopus does hereby authorize and approve the Unified Solar Permit with the fee structure as recommended by the Town of Esopus Building Inspector. Subject to change based on the Town Solar Law that may come in conflict.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Shannon Harris
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR.

NO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS – JUNE 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payment and these vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	181249 – 181308	\$ 63,485.35
HIGHWAY FUND	182126 - 182154	\$ 102,328.11
STREET LIGHTS	186006	\$ 5,049.83
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	183057 - 183066	\$ 128,553.52
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	184128 - 184147	\$ 20,821.09
Capital	000010	\$ 862.53
TOTAL		\$ 321,100.43

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Shannon Harris

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Solar Law will need to be written into the Town Code and will be encompassed in the Zoning portion of the Master Plan.

The passing of this Resolution is another step in Esopus becoming a Climate Smart Community which will make us eligible for additional grant money.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilperson Chris Farrell proposed Supervisor Harris to set up a meeting with the Sheriff's department and the State Police to discuss road control in Town, what kind of schedule do they have and if it can be improved. Councilperson Van Vliet said she would like to work with Supervisor Harris on this matter.

Councilperson Farrell also asked the Board for permission to pursue looking at the noise ordinance from other towns. He will gather the information and bring information back to the Board for future discussion. Both of these subjects were concerns which were brought to the Boards' attention at the CPC meeting which preceded the Town Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10 PM PER THE NYS OPEN MEETINGS LAW SECTION 105 (H) TO DISCUSS TWO ITEMS: THE PROPOSED AQUISITION, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE PUBLICITY WOULD HARM VALUE AND TO DISCUSS THE IMPENDING VACANCY OF A PARTICULAR JOB POSITION AND CREDENTIALS OF SEVERAL CANDIDATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK AT 8:50 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**TOWN OF ESOPUS RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ESOPUS SUPERVISOR TO NEGOTIATE AN OPTION TO
LEASE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has identified certain real property situated on a parcel in Sleightsburgh, New York, containing approximately 5 acres of land more or less; and

WHEREAS, THE Town Board for the Town of Esopus has determined that said real property may be suitable for a municipal purpose, such as a public park and revitalization of public lands; and

WHEREAS, THE owner of said property may be willing to sell the property to the Town for the purpose of creating a public space for the future benefit of the community for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board at an executive session thereof duly conveyed pursuant to New York State Open Meetings Law, Section 105 (h), to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property where publicity would harm the value, does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor of the Town of Esopus to explore the purchase and negotiation price of aforesaid real property subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Shannon Harris

Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR.

****NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE SECOND ITEM OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS AT 8:55 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF MYLES PUTMAN WHO WAS A COUNSULTANT TO THE TOWN AND CLOSE FRIEND TO MANY IN ESOPUS. MYLES WAS A GREAT ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY AND WILL BE MISSED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Next workshop meeting will be July 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC